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1. IN A REPORT DATELINED BAMAKO, THE FRG PRESS REPORTED BRIEFLY ABOUT THE THREE DAY CONFERENCE OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CAPITAL OF MALI. AT ITS CONCLUSION, CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT THERE ARE MANY FACTORS WHICH SPEAK IN FAVOR OF DEBT RELIEF FOR THE GROUP OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. SUCH RELIEF WAS SUPPORTED IN PARTICULAR BY THE SWEDISH COMMISSION MEMBER, OLOF PALME.

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2. BRANDT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THESE COUNTRIES WOULD BE ESPECIALLY IN THE INTEREST OF INDUSTRIAL STATES, SINCE IT WOULD CREATE NEW MARKETS AND THUS CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF LABOR MARKET PROBLEMS IN THE WEST. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT THE FORTHCOMING COMMISSION CONFERENCE IN THE

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